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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Gary R. Samler

Serial No.: 10/729,447

Filed: December 5, 2003

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
SECURING A WELDING
ELECTRODE TO A WELDING
TORCH

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2;

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4; and

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 6.